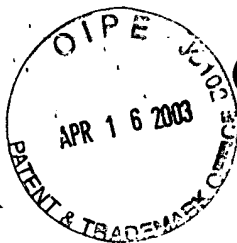


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Dear Sir:

Applicant is hereby filing a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). Prosecution of the above entitled application is currently closed in that a final Office Action was received dated October 21, 2002. Applicant did file an amendment on December 19, 2002 (within two months of the date of the Office Action) in response to the Office Action. However, the wrong serial number was inadvertently added to the amendment (09/779,767 instead of 08/779,767) and apparently the amendment has not been received by the Examiner and thus has not been entered. Applicant is furnishing a copy of the response and postcard confirming that it was in fact filed and received by the Patent Office.

For this reason, Applicant is NOT filing the RCE with a three month extension of time in that an extension of time should not be required. However, applicant's attorney has authorized the payment of extension fees in the transmittal and in this Request for Continued Examination should payment of extension fees be determined as necessary to keep the application from becoming abandoned. Applicant has also authorized payment of the RCE fee.